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## Local and General.

Two inches of snow on Tuesday and Wednesday has improved the sleighing.

Lyle Reed, of the Edmonton Journal, was in town the first of the week, in the interests of his paper.

The travelling grain judging school will be at Lacombe on Wednesday, February 12th. Remember the date. Everybody welcome.

W. D. Magee passed through town Wednesday on his way to Calgary, where his daughter, who is attending college there, is severely ill with pneumonia.

John Montgomery, manager of the Singer Manufacturing Company for northern Alberta, was in town yesterday. Mr. Montgomery states that collections from this district are easier than in any other part of his agency.

The trustees of Lakeside school purpose raising the building and having it brick-veneered. It is quite probable that a furnace will also be installed in the building. With these improvements Lakeside will have one of the best rural schools in the Province. At the same time it will be no more than in keeping with the improvements made by the progressive farmers of "Ontario street."

## Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, February 6.  
Lacombe Bazaar Club..... \$ 2.50  
Total of Dec. 25..... 1050.50

\$1063.00  
Paid for hospital site..... 311.50  
Total contributions..... \$1364.50

The smallest contributions to the hospital fund will be gratefully received. There is no reason why this fund should not keep moving along. Those who have not contributed much, or those who have not given yet, and possibly have not been asked, might take a turn at it. Many have given right from the start, and every man, woman, boy and girl in this district should throw in their mite if it is only ten cents, then raising the necessary fund would be easy. I am tired of going after it, so it must come to me for a change. It can be dropped in the post office to my address if you find that way the most convenient. Don't wait for that big contribution, you might die before that time comes and miss the opportunity. MRS. WM. BURRIS.

**How Are Your Eyes?**  
Have you perfect vision for long or short distances? If there is anything the matter with them now is the time to have them examined, and if necessary, properly fitted with correct glasses.  
**Eyes Examined Free**

**C. R. DENIKE,**  
Graduate Optician and Watchmaker.  
Harvest Ave. — Lacombe  
"Sign of the Gold Clock"

## ALBERTA HORSE SHOW.

The seventh annual provincial horse show will be held in Calgary on March 25th, 26th and 27th under the auspices of the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association. The annual meeting of the Horse Breeders' Association will be held on March 25th at 8 p. m. and a public meeting on March 26th. The entries for the horse show will close on March 1st.

In order to encourage a large attendance at this horse show tickets will be issued to the general public from all stations in Alberta on the C. P. R. and C. N. R. at single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale two days before the show and the first day of the event good to return up to two days after the show or sale. Special rates will also be given from British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Each animal entered at this horse show must be owned by a member of the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association who has been a resident of the Province of Alberta for at least six months and who owns property in Alberta. First and second prizes will be offered in each class and a third prize where the entries exceed five. The prizes offered will take the form of suitably engraved silver plate to the winner's selection from a catalogue furnished by the Association. A cash equivalent may be obtained for these prizes less 35 per cent by making special application to the secretary within ten days of the date of the show.

The following is the prize list for the horse show:

**HEAVY HORSES.**  
Class 1—Clydes (Registered).  
Section 1. Stallions four years old and over.  
Section 2. Stallions, three years old.  
Section 3. Stallions two years old.  
Section 4. Stallions, foals of 1907.  
Section 5. Filly colts of 1907.  
Section 6. Clyde Stallion (any age) bred in Canada (Reg.).

**SPECIALS OFFERED BY THE CANADIAN CLYDESDALE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.**

Section 7. Mare three years or over.  
Section 8. Two year old Filly.  
Section 9. Yearling Filly.  
Class 2—Shires (Registered).  
Section 1. Stallions, three years old and over.  
Section 2. Stallions, two years old.

Section 3. Stallions, foal of 1907.  
Section 4. Filly colts of 1907.

Class 3—Percherons (Registered).  
Same as Class 2.

Class 4—Belgians (Registered).  
Same as Class 2.

Class 5—Suffolk Punch (Registered).  
Same as Class 2.

Class 6.  
Section 1. Heavy draught grade to be shown in harness only.

Section 2. Heavy draught grade mare or gelding.

Section 3. Heavy draught stallion and 3 of his progeny.

Stallion to be registered and not to receive more than 25 per cent of points in judging.

Class 7.  
Grade colts of both sexes, foal-

ed in 1907, sired by a registered heavy draught stallion.

**LIGHT HORSES.**  
Class 8.—Thoroughbreds (Registered).

Same as Class 2.

Class 9.—Standardbreds (registered).

Same as Class 2.

Class 10.—Hackneys (registered).

Same as Class 2.

Class 11.—Coach Breeds. (registered).

Same as Class 2.

Class 12.—Rondsters.

Section 1. Team in harness and carriage, mares or geldings, to be judged for appearance shape and action. No registration conditions.

Section 2. Single driver, mare or gelding. Same conditions as section 1.

Class 13.—Carriage Horses.

Same as Class 12.

Class 14.

Section 1. saddle pony, 14 2 hands high and under, to be shown under saddle.

Section 2. Shetland pony, 12 hands high and under, to be shown under saddle.

Class 15.

A silver medal will be awarded to the person shoeing the best shod horse entered for the show. Post entries will be accepted and no entrance fee will be charged for this class.

## Provincial Seed Fair.

The second annual Provincial Seed Fair for Alberta, conducted under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, assisted by the seed branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, will be held this year at Lethbridge on February 18th, 19th and 20th. In addition to the liberal prizes offered for the various classes of grains, grasses and clover seeds, Farm Crops Magazine of Winnipeg, has offered a valuable silver trophy, known as "The Farm Crops Trophy," for the best bushel of spring wheat. The trophy will be supplemented by a cash prize of fifty dollars to the winner, thirty dollars as a second and twenty dollars as a third prize. In this class, as well as all other classes of wheat, exhibitors must have at least 50 bushels of seed for sale, as represented by the sample exhibited. On exhibits sent to the Fair all express charges over fifty cents will be paid by the Department of Agriculture. The grain judging competition, in which all farmers and farmers' sons will be allowed to compete, will also be conducted. An interesting program is being prepared.

Arrangements have been made with the railways, whereby convention rates will apply to all attending the exhibition. Prize lists, containing all information, can be had on application to the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

LORD'S  
RUMMAGE SALE

Is now in full swing.

## Snaps in Grocery Department

Ant-Joining's Pancake Flour	2 for 25c
Wood piles of Jam, 7 lbs.	60c
Pure Cane Syrup, Golden Sling	10 lbs 60c
West Indies Molasses, lbs.	3 lbs 20c
Lipton's Worcestershire Sauce	25c
Libby, McNeil & Libby's Choice Stewed Kidneys	5 for 25c
Royal Crown Sodalone, 3 lbs.	2 for 25c
" " 1 lb	3 for 25c
Sunshine Silver Polish	2 for 25c
Royal Blue Biscuits, packages	4 for 25c
Patterson's Bulk Soda	per lb 10c, 4 for 25c
Crescent Baking Powder	2 for 20c
Cadbury's Sweet Chocolate Bars	6 for 20c
Roasted Coffee	20c, 25c, 30c and 40c
Green, Black and Mixed Tea	all prices 25c to 50c
No other Tea as good as our English Breakfast Tea at 50c	
Quaker Tobacco, an old favorite, 10c	4 for 25c
EXTRACTS—Royal Shield, Red Cross and Tartan, 2 bottles for price of 1 bottle. A few good flavors left to choose from.	
FLOUR—Five Roses, the standard flour of Canada..... \$3.50	
Harvest Queen, a splendid family flour.....	

For want of space, we cannot continue this list of Grocery Prices, but we do not hesitate in assuring you that our prices will always be kept as low as possible.

## Offerings from the Staple Department

We make no attempt to describe the different lines. They are too well known to need description. The sales prices tell their own story.	
White Flannelite—Heavy English flannelette, 32 lunches wide, regular 10c.	sales price 10c
Wraparote—In neat pattern, regular 15c.	sales price 9 1/2c
Great Flannel—All wool, regular 20c.	sales price 12 1/2c
Million Flannel—In green and brown, reg. 40c.	sales price 25c
Union Flannel—Grey only, regular 20c.	sales price 12 1/2c
American Prints—New good, fast colors, blue, gray and red, always sold at 10c.	sales price 7 1/2c
Wool Hose—Worsted Hose in all sizes, made from all wool yams, regular 35c to 40c.	sales price 25c
Ladies' Cashmere Hose—Be sure to see these, a special price of 3 for \$1.00.	
Heavy Cotton Vests—For men, limited quantity, our regular 40c values.	sales price 25c
Children's Underwear—Odd lines of girls' vests and drawers, 40c and 45c values.	sales price 30c

**Not Advertised**—Many good things on display that are not advertised, values even better than we offer here. Don't come too late.

If You Want  
a Union Suit

for winter at lowest prices, call at

## A. J. McLAUGHLIN'S

I have the garment of size, quality, fit and finish; also a complete line of **Sweaters, Fancy Vests, Caps, Mitts and Gloves.**

A good line of **Fur Lined Coats and Coots** and **Wombat Coats.**

## Lacombe Meat Market

Choice beef, pork, sausages and fish. Telephone orders will receive careful attention.

## P. M. STAACK,

NEXT TO ROYAL HOTEL

LACOMBE

Established 1865.  
**UNION BANK**  
OF CANADA

TOTAL ASSETS  
EXCEED  
\$31,00,000.

## SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS

Should be opened at this time of year.

\$1.00 is enough to start with, but the more you can put in the better. There is nothing but giving a good return for your security as a bank account in an old Reliable Bank like the Union Bank of Canada. Interest paid or added to principal 4 times a year.

LACOMBE BRANCH: E. K. STRATHY, Manager.

**FURNITURE**

**Within Reach**

Handsome, solid, well made Furniture is not only for those with fat pocketbooks. Anyone possessed with taste and a small amount of cash, can furnish a house luxuriously by purchasing Furniture Here.

Come in and look at our stock—whether you want to buy or not. It will show you what Furniture Styles are COFFIN & KLEIN.

## Let Us Serve You

With Groceries and Provisions

and you will know that you have been served Right.

We ask no favor, but we want to serve you because we know that we can serve you best, in quality, best in price, best in variety. We put quality first because nothing is cheap that is not good, and it is the fact that we are in every case selling the best quality for the lowest possible price that makes Switzer's Store the cheapest in the District.

Phone 65 Barnett Ave. Lacombe

Switzer's prices make it expensive for you to buy elsewhere.

## F. P. SWITZER









## The Hoodoo Ring.

By JESSE WRIGHT HANSON.

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"Pauline, I love you. Will you marry me or won't you?" I made my lips as speechless as my eyes, with my eyes shut, and her lips moving rapidly, but noiselessly.

"What are you doing?" I inquired, as calmly as I was able.

"I was saying the protection charm over you," she answered, smiling sweetly at me. "It's lucky for you that you asked me today. No more lucky days for me till the middle of next month."

"Oh, another, this time is Pauline's protection. No matter what absurd ideas she had, she was the sweetest girl in the world. Tomorrow I will bring the diamond," I added, after awhile.

"Oh, no, please," she answered presently. "I should rather have a ring, which is a special protection for matters of love."

Next day when I entered the only jewelry store the place afforded I was waiting that my Pauline were not so superstitious. Of course I wanted her to be pleased, but diamonds seemed to me to be the best.

When I met her in her garden that night I fancied that she looked pale, and when I gave her the box I thought she seemed on the threshold of tears.

"Open it, heart's dearest," I inquired, with a smile, ready to cry.

She put the box up her late sleeve and began whispering to me of how she was ever going to hold her pleasures a little while from her until she had tasted anticipation to the full, and she was so wonderfully entrancing that no man whom I could remember could remember such mundane things as metal or brilliants in the soft symphonies of her feeling-swept voice.

But there was a change in my sweet heart after that. I had sometimes waited outside the garden, where we were waiting for someone to come, and had only a brief time to get them in and had forgotten something, of being compelled, when we returned for it, to sit down till she could count it, but this Pauline always laughingly insisted on.

Now she treated all signs seriously, she no longer laughed when we spelled



SEEING A LADDER LEANING AGAINST THE WALL, SHE WALKED UNDER IT.

the salt. She looked at me with fear in her eyes as she threw a pinch of it down the floor. She was so frightened when I left her, as though my absence were to be an indefinite thing instead of a time of hours, and when I came to her she often rejoiced, as though I were come from a far country, and through all these days she refused to wear my ring. One night I spoke sharply to her.

"Pauline, take my ring from your sleeve, or the corner of your handkerchief, or your pompadour, or wherever you have concealed it, and put it in its proper place." I said.

"It's in the bushes," she faltered, looking at me with frightened eyes. "I'll get it."

Returning, she placed the red leather box on the arbor table, and with her hair wreathed in tragedy she began to talk.

"I looked at the ring in that store before you went in to get it. There was only one ruby, as you know, and I thought it beautiful, beautiful! I had told the man when I went in that I wanted a diamond, but he said, 'I can't talk to me.' He said he called the ruby his 'hoodoo ring.' He said a young man bought it first for his girl, but she jilted him before she ever saw the ring, so he brought it back, exchanged it for a diamond, and so on. Then a man bought it for his daughter as a graduation gift, but she died the week before, and he sold it for money to buy the poor child's shroud. Wasn't it dreadful, Harry? Then a mysterious veiled lady said she was going to buy it, and suddenly disappeared and was never heard of after."

"I went house in a dreadful state of soul. All day I was sending the mental suggestion to you not to buy that ring, but just before closing time I sneaked in to look, and the ruby was

gone. I could not bring myself to tell you that that I didn't want it after seeing the good qualities of the stone, for I knew you preferred it to diamond, so I said I would forget its history. I compromised with evil and took it, but I have never opened the box."

"You haven't looked at the ring?" I exclaimed.

"No. But just having it in my possession has done such awful things! First my poor kitties ate the poisoned meat, then my best loved vase fell to the floor when no one was near it as a result of the ring. I have to wear my best dress the first time I wore it, and then the first automobile accident."

"But I didn't get hurt," I objected.

"Yes, but it's a warning," she wailed. "I don't want the ring, and I want to keep it to keep it from you. I want to make it to your man take it back. Let's bury it somewhere, and we needn't get my another. I will be satisfied without an engagement ring."

Then I laughed. I couldn't restrain myself any longer, and my poor girl's wide eyes stared at me reproachfully, as though I had been a poor man who had come to take the spring. She gave one long, earnest look at the sparkler, then looked wildly at me.

"Why, it's a diamond!"

I nodded again, helpless with laughter, and it was not long till Pauline laughed with me. Then she kissed the ring and slipped it on her finger. Next she went out the door of the arbor and down the steps to her left shoulder. Sying a ladder leaning against the wall, she walked under it. A rusty nail showed enticingly in the moonlight, but she did not turn it around. She came back to me, smiling, and her eyes were grey.

"I still have an unbroken chain to know who did buy that ring and what it did them," she said mournfully.

"Oh, heart of mine," I crooned, "can it be that you have lived for a whole summer in this place and have yet to learn that this jewel you so know about is Annas Jones' little boy who was christened Henry? He just does not talk to pretty girls, and he is quite a genius for story telling. Figuratively speaking, my beloved, he is a great writer."

Pauline blushed and removed her shoes. She placed the high heeled ones again, helpless with laughter, and it was not long till Pauline slipped them on again, being careful to dress them seriously. Then she put them on again, being careful to dress the left foot first.

"This is the very worst one of them all," she said in the tone the great man must have used when he had conquered his last world and there were no more of them.

"There's a worse one!" I cried in mighty a voice that Pauline jumped. "It's in week in Friday, the 13th. You wouldn't dare let it be our wedding day!"

I knew it was an unfair advantage, and I was about to take it all back when my beloved girl snuggled herself into my delighted arms.

"I might dare, Harry," she whispered, "but wouldn't it be nice if we had a day sooner?"

### Trespassing.

Inventive genius seldom achieves success at the first attempt. A half century ago a man in France devoted his leisure hours for many months to the making of a milking machine of his own devising, at last completed it to his satisfaction and resolved to make a trial of it. Without saying a word to any one he carried his machine away from the stable where he had wrought patiently day after day to bring it to perfection, and took it out to the barnyard, where old Cherry, the family cow, stood placidly chewing her cud with her big, lusty teeth.

A few minutes later his mother saw him trying to re-enter the house unseen. He was covered with dirt from head to foot and in a state of demoralization generally. In his hand was the wreck of a toy lambkin.

"For mercy's sake, Jud," she exclaimed, "what have you been doing?"

"I've been trying my milking machine," he said.

"Good milking machine?" Good land!

Did the old woman know that?

"No," answered Jud. "Old Cherry would stand for it all right, if it was the calf—that's the kind of person he is."

He needs it.

"Dix has a wonderful memory."

"He has to have. His wife believes everything he says."—Nashville American.

CHRISTMAS RATES EAST VIA NORTH-WESTERN RAILROAD.

Commuter rates and continuing to Dec. 31st, excursion tickets will be on sale to many points in Eastern Canada, west of Montreal, at \$40.00 per round trip. Each ticket includes three months from date of sale.

Be sure to "spec" the North-Western Line between Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Chicago.

For men: two goffs balls, 16th.

"Item: my Lord taking sue drake in Jhone Garas before he went out and after he came from the golf, 45th, 4th.

"Item: to the boy who carried my Lord's clubs to the field, 5th."

With a view to change for starting the most complete and elaborate of modern gold dwindle into abominous beside that "aue drukh."

—London Atheneum.

Crowded Out by Vain Man.

"I went into the office looking like a ruffian, and I was told I must have a chance to straighten my hat or put my hair or anything. I had intended to bring going up in the elevator, but there was a man standing before each mirror twirling his mustache, and I couldn't even get a peek at myself."

—Incent Chidhead.

Little William—My father has charge of over twenty men. Little Jimmy-Hub! That's nothing! My father has charge over your father! Little William—Well, my father makes more money than your father. He doesn't own the shop—Bohemian.

A Wife's Dream.

"Step up, wifey, and the children," bawled Mr. Goodfellow, "and have a pair of shoes apiece on me. Have another pair. They won't hurt you."

And then Mrs. Goodfellow awoke.

Pittsburg Post.

If thou faint in the day of adversity thy strength is small.—Old Testament.

## MANY SWEAR BY THIS

RECIPE EASILY PREPARED, AND SAYS MANY SWEAR BY IT.

Newspaper of the United States Speak Well of the Home Prescription Are Usin

Mix the following, take in a bottle, and take in teaspoonful doses after meals and at bedtime.

Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla, one-half ounce; Compound Sarsaparilla, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. A local druggist is the authority that these are safe, harmless and effective.

The mixture is said to cleanse and strengthen the clogged and inactive kidneys.

Every weakness and urinary trouble of all kinds, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease.

Those who have tried this say it positively overcomes pain in the back, eases the urine of sediment, and restores urination, especially at night, curing even the worst forms of bladder diseases.

Every man or woman here in Canada who feels that the kidneys are not strong or active in their present condition should take this prescription.

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The list was made. The banker looked through it and as he handed it back to the merchant said, "The name of the firm which has failed me in life is—"

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## A CLEVER RUSE,

The Way an Ingenious Paris Merchant Saved Cable Tolls.

A wealthy merchant in Paris who had been informed that a prominent firm in Yokohama had failed, but the name of the firm he could not learn. He could have learned the truth by cabling; but to save expense, instead he went to a well known banker who had received many letters and requested him to reveal the name of the firm.

"That's a very delicate thing to do," replied the banker, "for the news is not official, and if I gave you the name I might incur your anger."

"I might be angry, but I am not," said the banker.

"I will give you," he said, "a list of ten firms in Yokohama, and I will ask you to look through it and tell me which of them is the one which has failed me in life. Surely you do not know that for me?"

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# SMARTEST DESIGNS FOR AFTERNOON SUITS

OME of the most interesting developments of the winter's fashions are shown in the newest designs for afternoon suits.

For the last few years there has been a yearning for picturesque effects, either because of the lethargy of the creative talent or because of the romantic revolt against the practicality of the twentieth century.

The fashions of the Louis periods and those of the Directory and Empire have been largely drawn upon for designs, while suggestions have been furnished by the whole range of historical costumes, and the pictures of the old masters are utilized as fashion plates.

The French tailored suits, or, as they are frequently called, demitailored, or afternoon, suits, are very diversified in style, and, though many of the latest notions may be rather too revolutionary to appeal to the conservative dressmaker, will undoubtedly affect very considerably the trend of the modes, and already modifications of the radical ideas are appearing in the more practical suits for street wear.

The cutouts of the other long coat skirt are more diversified in some model coats than in others, and the sleeves vary, though in all of the latter one finds a clever adaptation of the kimono idea.

Most of these new models are shown on the new figure, flat of back, flat of bust, and narrow of front and slimly long, though many women who are none of these things look altogether charming in these new designs.

Velvet jackets, with the new tight-fitting cloth skirts, are shown among the late novelties brought out by Paquin.

The skirt is one of the season's sensations. It rises to a moderate girdle height, fitting snugly around the hips and then falling from there, in clinging folds, drops straight to the ground at the sides and back, but is cut up slightly in front by several little horizontal folds, which prevent the too definite defining of the abdomen curve and addvergely to the grace of the skirt.

There is a absolutely no flare to the skirt, which is very long all the way around; and the drop skirt is closely fitted and of thin material.

The jacket, drawn in at the back by two elastic places about a foot and a half from the bottom. When worn by the right sort of figure, this skirt is as beautiful as it is impractical for any save carriage and house wear. To walk gracefully in the skirt is an art itself.

Yet, while these suits are not practical, still there are many occa-



a vest of flowered velvet, bound with silk braid.

The second figure shows a new Paquin coat of striped velvet, bound with a fancy soutache braid. The high Incroyable collar is of plain satin or cloth or fur. The skirt is of plain broadcloth. The whole suit is carried out in shades of sapphire blue.

The third model is in purple, with a vest of broadcloth in contrasting tones.

The last suit pictured is in brown striped velvet, the cuffs and collars of natter blue satin. The skirt is of plain brown broadcloth.

These do not match these costumes, but form a contrasting color scheme.

## Hat and Dress Accessories

THE perennial favorite, the dashing Gainsborough hat, to which the fashionable world gives its fickle allegiance, has again made its appearance.

This time the velvet covered picture hat has been chosen for a large number of handsome feather-trimmed models.

There is a long association, or in accordance with the original lines of the hat so beautifully pictured by the great Gainsborough, the style seems to be particularly well adapted for the graceful feather adornments.

## Let the Economical Woman Beware

OF THE pretty, fancy sleeve forms, because they have already enjoyed long favor and are decidedly on the wane.

Frocks of too decided a color, as once seen they are always remembered.

Of elaborately trimmed skirts, few are seen.

She must avoid bargains offered in dress materials. No one ever gets a genuine bargain who is not an experienced buyer with an educated sense of selection.

The economical woman must beware of clinging to old materials and wearing them and remodeling them season after season.

This habit is as dulling to the mind and appearance as the continual serving of one meat is to the palate.

There is no economy in it, either. The woman who is repeatedly remodeling dresses long past their prime with costly trimmings in order to freshen them up is extravagantly wasteful instead of economical.

## Latest Styles in Lingerie

FASHION continues to accent the slim-waisted, full-bust and slender-hip figure, so the lingerie tendency is toward garments cut so as to eliminate every possible fullness around the waist and hips. It is for this reason that soft, sheer materials, such as cambric, batiste and crinoline are more and more favorably regarded in the better-priced garments.

Many of the large velvet hats are gorgeously trimmed with flowers.

Little or no effort has been made this season to match the hat with the garment.

So long as its trimmings match the accessories of the costume, such as waistcoat, girdle, gloves and ruff, there is nothing more requiring all rules and regulations concerning the eternal fitness of things, many smartly dressed women are wearing such hats with plain frocks.

These are a becoming and dainty addition to one's neckline and may be correctly worn with both the lingerie and lace waist.

Dame Fashion does not accent, but rather discourages, maniacal effects this season.

However, a number of Windsor and four-in-hand ties are shown that will be greatly in demand by those who are the masculine style.

These will be worn with the embroidered high collar.

A great deal of the style value of these ties depends on their coloring.

It must be moderately light in tone, and in various shades of blue, leather, russet, green, yellow, violet and burgundy. In other words, it must be selected to correspond with the millinery colors.

Besides the dimity striped handkerchiefs, having a line of colors in the center, and marlboro in embroidery, initial and monogram.

The favorite combination garment is the corset cover and short skirt; then the corset cover and drawers, and then the corset cover and long skirt.

Flat effects for ornamentation are the most desirable. They consist of embroidery and lace used in moderation, in broad and narrow in insertion.

The wide embroidered flounces reaching to the knee is the most favored style for white petticoats. This is always completed with a 3-inch dust ruffle.

Large quills are again in favor. They are disposed about hats in various new and smart ways.

Very frequently three big quills are arranged slantwise across the crown, the stems tied or hid with a large bow of velvet ribbon.

And as if the flowers were not enough alone, what ribbon is used as a garniture is fashioned after the flowers, so that it is quite a difficult matter to know just where one begins and the other ends.

Lingerie bows, composed of delicate embroidery and lace, either heavy or fine, generally in butterfly shape, will be worn with the new liner.

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THE plain tailored suit with a pleated skirt and coat approximating the 30-inch length will be the dominating feature of the season.

Skirts will be short, of instep or ankle length. Coats will be of several styles. The Prince Charming shape is approaching popularity, and is extremely popular. This is the semi-tailored style of coat, which depends for a great deal of its style upon the excellency of cut and workmanship.

Then there is the fitted-coat combination of the tailored suit.

These will be of the cut-and-sew style. The yoke will be below the knee and are most suitable for the tall woman. It really takes unusual height to wear a knee-length coat successfully. There are all

## New Ideas in the Ready-Mades

smartest of these will be the cut-and-sew coat, with or without the vest.

This will be sought for by women of sufficiently good figure to stand the severe style. Here again is the necessity for cut and workmanship. The conveniences should be of very good quality, and well constructed to produce the best results in these extreme styles.

Rodinette coats are also shown. They generally reach below the knee and are most suitable for the tall woman. It really takes unusual height to wear a knee-length coat successfully. There are all

## Fashion's Fancies

LINEN collars or stocks, pleated but not frilled lawn fronts, drilled chamois leather or simply striped silk waistcoats accompany Panama shaped ties in rich shades of moss or myrtle green, navy, tricolors or Tyrolean green.

These were similarly embroidered and trimmed with large buttons worked in knot of soft silk.

From the number of black hats, it is evident that chilblains will be much seen this winter.

These hats will be made of the alpaca hats with light-colored chilblains, and nothing is more effectively becoming to the generality of women.

Fancy velvets will evidently be very much to the fore this winter for handsome visiting gowns. Some of the velvets produce a watered effect, others are faintly striped.

Embroidery is ever more sought after, and the beauty of its embroidery is now judged by the beauty of its embroidery. At all the foremost couture houses the handsomest gowns are elaborately embroidered. One in-

stance is a pearl-gray cloth costume, the skirt of which showed a design worked in wool, narrow braid and silk braid. The corsage, which was something between the alpaca hats and shoulder straps, was similarly embroidered and trimmed with large buttons worked in knot of soft silk.

The white Mechlin lace of the little yoke was embroidered and encrusted with tiny cloth motifs silver braid.

The sleeves were composed of cluny lace dyed gray over chiffon, with insertions of embroidered cloth. On the belt of gray liberty satin were motifs of embroidered cluny lace.

Shoulder straps or suggestions of straps are as fashionable as ever, and bid fair to be seen all through the winter.

Skirts will be very clinging, that is to say, the skirts worn for visiting, receptions and other ceremonies, not the walking skirt, which continues to be very full round the hem.

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sorts of odd models in these coats, which are more or less attractive.

Some are quite plain, others are self-trimmed with bias bands of plaid reaching from the sleeve to the center of the waistline in order to produce a broad-shouldered and slender-waist effect.

While a combination of three colors is popular, we are at first, the fact of the matter is some of the new materials for these ready-made suits are shown in such combinations, but they are in subdued tones and will appeal to women of refined taste.

The effect at a short distance is of an indefinite color. They are most popular in striped designs, though plaid command a certain amount of interest.

Fabric broadcloth also enter into the composition of the striped and plaid suit, and are attractive largely on account of their novelty.

Plain broadcloth will be greatly used for the construction of the dresser tailored suits. In broadcloth a great deal of the style value will depend on the color and correct spirit of the trimming.

Velvet, braid, embroidered trims and heavy lace will all be used in their ornamentation. In these suits the coats will be 30 inches or shorter, and will be of the cutaway, the placket being 30 inches fitted with a fanciful outline.

All will carry a considerable amount of trimming, which will be in the form of vests, revers, collars, cuffs, and, in a few instances, large pockets.

Some of the new models in the fitted coats show the square corners in front in opposition to the cutways. These are no doubt excellent for certain figures, but for the majority the cutaway style is more becoming.

## Local and General.

W. J. Carter has taken a position in the Town Clerk's office.

J. W. Shirley last week shipped a car load of horses to Edmonton.

J. D. Skinner went to Edmonton Tuesday, returning by Thursday's train.

The Black Diamond Minstrels met Wednesday evening for another practice.

Anger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

H. T. Harding of Stettler, passed through Lacombe Thursday on his way to Edmonton, on legal business.

Entries in connection with the seed grain fair should be made as early as possible, and must be made before Wednesday the 12th.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baugh, of Pleasant Valley, died of scarletina on Monday last. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade on Tuesday evening was an enthusiastic one, there being three members present. The meeting was adjourned for one week.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Wednesday afternoon, February 12th, at the home of Mrs. W. F. Puffer, at 3 o'clock. Every member come and bring a friend.

Lacombe sent two rinks to the Wetaskiwin 'spiel. John McKeynt and H. M. Trimble were the skips. Mr. McKeynt's rink won the consolation, and at time of going to press Mr. Trimble's rink had one—the Grand Challenge.

G. P. Vickers secured the contract for the new agricultural buildings. It is understood the buildings are to cost about six thousand dollars. They will be completed early in the season. These buildings will add much to the appearance of the town.

Some people have the idea that the government germination test must be produced with the seed shown at the fair next week. This is not absolutely necessary. So long as the proof is shown that a sample has been forwarded for testing purposes, the grain can be shown.

The members of the Valley City Methodist church are holding their annual dinner and social on Tuesday evening next. The dinner will be served in the hotel from six to eight o'clock, after which the program will be rendered in the church. The Valley City people are looking for a good representation from Lacombe.

The magnificent hotel accommodation of Lacombe is already becoming widely known. "I am going to Sunday at Lacombe," is a very common expression among the travellers. The favourable comments on the "Adelphi" are well merited. Mr. Inskip is arranging to place a launch on Gull Lake this season for the accommodation of his guests.

Town Council met in special session last Saturday evening for the purpose of passing a bylaw appointing an auditor to finish the 1907 audit. Councillors Vickerson, Murphy, Browne and McDermid were present when the meeting was called to order, Holton coming in a half hour later. In the absence of Mayor Trimble, Councillor Vickerson was called to the chair. After due deliberation Jas. Finlayson was appointed to finish the 1907 audit for a compensation of \$25. It was also decided to appoint him auditor for 1908 at a salary of \$50. A bylaw covering the appointment was passed.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A large delegation from Leduc waited upon the Government this week to press the claims of that town for the Agricultural College. While no promises have yet been made on behalf of the Government the impression in Edmonton seems to be that the college will be located within the next few weeks.

The Trimble adherents now appear to be busy endeavoring to prove that the gambling table is a more potent influence for salvation than is the pulpit. But even if they succeed in this highly laudable undertaking, the Advertiser still contends that a councillor elected on the Trimble morality ticket, who had much money to bet on the election, should also have been able to raise up enough cash to pay his taxes.

There has been more or less talk for years about having the Government stock Gull Lake with fish. So far as we know the undertaking is still in the talking stage. It is a question if the matter has even been brought to the attention of the proper officials. Here is something for the Board of Trade, the Liberal Association, or both, to take up. The placing in this lake of some good species of fish would be an outlay capable of unlimited returns, and at the same time it would greatly add to the attractiveness of Alberta's great watering place.

## SOCIETY NOTES.

Mrs. J. W. Fortune entertained a number of her married friends at a charming euchre party on Friday evening of last week. Mrs. Thibaudau and Mrs. Coffin were the fortunate prize winners.

Miss Muriel Simpson entertained her friends at a card and dancing Monday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Aunger was another hostess of a euchre party on Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. E. W. Graham held her post nuptial reception. Mrs. Rev. Gordon received her. In the dining room Mrs. Horne presided. She was assisted by Miss Garland, Miss Horne, Miss N. Mooney and Miss McKeynt.

Mrs. McDermaid gave a euchre party Thursday evening. The prizes were won by Miss Horne and Mr. Carruthers.

## Condensed Items of Interest.

But a few days ago traffic in New York City was tied up because of the depth of snow.

Henry Herbert Godfrey, the famous composer of "The Land of the Maple" died from heart failure in Montreal on the evening of January 27th.

Canada has more miles of railway in comparison to population than the United States, the United Kingdom, France, New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria or India.

At a banquet of the Board of Trade in Haverhill, Mass., Legis. M. Shaw, formerly secretary of the treasury, expressed the opinion that it might be well for the United States to adopt the Canadian Banking system.

## New Telephone Connection.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the telephone lines of the Alberta Government running from Wetaskiwin to Daysland; from Lacombe to Stettler and from Macleod to Coleman have been connected with the Bell Telephone Company's system.

The literary meetings which we hold every week are certainly a great entertainment for our little village. Debates, singing and speaking, being the main feature of the evening. At our last meet-

## Blackfalds.

Subscribe for the Advertiser and read the important local news.

Rev. T. C. Buchanan, general superintendent of the Methodist church, was in town for several days last week, making arrangements for the erection of a parsonage in the near future. Plans are being prepared for an eight-room house which will cost when completed, in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars, and will be an ornament to the village.

The literary society held its weekly meeting in the public hall on Thursday last. A mock trial, a darky chicken stealing case was placed on the boards. The affair created intense amusement throughout. The darkies did their parts so naturally, that one might imagine himself back again in old Virginia. As a burlesque the affair was a howling success, but as a representative of a Canadian court of justice, was a gross libel on the dignity of the British bench. The following officers were elected for the ensuing month. M. J. Merrithew, president; J. Dougall, vice-president; A. Bevay, secretary-treasurer; and F. Miller and J. McKay, councillors.

The Blackfalds Butter and Cream Association held its annual meeting in the public hall. A large number of patrons and shareholders were present. Much dissatisfaction was evinced over the small output for the year and increased cost of manufacture.

The number of directors was decreased from nine to three on the grounds of economy. Messrs. Joseph Barrow, Chris Lörenson and H. F. Bailey were elected to manage affairs for the current year.

At an election held on Friday last to elect a school trustee in the place of Jas. Thorpe, resigned, R. A. Shular obtained 21 votes, and A. D. Gregson 20. As two voters, after voting for Gregson, had their votes changed in favor of Shular, a protest was entered at the close, which will probably result in another election. What with elections and other events of moment there is lots of excitement in the burgh this winter.

The boys who advertised a grand skating carnival on Kennedy's pond were very successful in attracting an audience on Saturday night.

The village fathers met on Monday evening. The result of their deliberations are not yet to hand.

Messrs. Gaetz and Simpson, liquidators of the Red Deer Milling Co., were in town last week arranging for the sale of the old mill building in this place.

On October 18 we sighted the mainland of South America and were soon anchored off the port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies. We had no trouble in exchanging our American money for Spanish and were soon at work in the gold making business.

The inhabitants of this town were a conglomeration of English, French Spanish, negroes and the East Indian coolies. The latter perform the greater part of the labor. Their wages for one day amount to six pence for nine hours labor. One peculiar thing about the women, the married ones carry rings in their noses to distinguish them from their more fortunate sisters. On the road to "coolie town" is the lepers' hospital, where all cases found in the island are cared for until death relieves them of their suffering.

"Long before our line was up we had had enough of 'coolie' town and were in despair. We had no place to go for the winter, so we had to go to Rio de Janeiro. To tell of all the things we saw in this beautiful city would take a whole book. The most interesting thing to me was the trip to the summit of Corcovado, which is reached by an incline railway. The sight when reaching the very summit is said to be the most beautiful view in the world. Looking down from the summit are three sides that have a sheer drop of over 1,000 feet. We visited the president's house and the Monroe building and other public places. Rio de Janeiro is a city of 100,000 and the Caucasians form a good two-thirds of the population and carry on practically all the business.

At the end of the month we left Rio and crossed the equator. This is an event always celebrated by those on board and always at the cost of the poor land lubbers. It is not until you have crossed the equator that you are a full

pledged seaman. To be initiated in this mysterious order is the cause of much heart quaking on the part of the would-be seaman. First he is summoned before the judge, who is dubbed "King Neptune" and his fate is in accordance with the first thought that happens to float before his majesty's mind. Sometimes he is ordered to be shaved with axe grease or whatever is most convenient. Sometimes he is pursued and beaten with soft oysters until he is ready. Then he is forced to take of the obnoxious mixtures prescribed by the apothecary. There is one feature of the initiation that awaits all, and that is the bath. Blindedfolded, they are led to the edge of the water in a large tank, where the blind is removed and they are set upon bears and other fierce animals. All the time that these proceedings are being carried out the hand is being drummed out music. After the celebration is all over Neptune Rex gives out the certificates that certify that you are one of Neptune's trusty shell backs.

"The president of Peru comes out to meet us. He doesn't look like old Tedy. Will write when I leave Cobea. Yours truly, G. L. WILLIAMSON."

## End of Season Snaps:

1 Calfskin Coat, rat collar and cuffs,	\$45.00 reduced to \$38.00
1 Wombat,	32.00 reduced to 26.00
1 Dog Astrachan Collar,	\$25.00 for 21.00
Men's black Overcoats, velvet collar,	15.00 for 12.00
Grey Overcoats, velvet collar,	12.00 for 9.00
Shirts,	1.25 for 1.00
Hats, Caps, Suspenders, etc.	

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## Births.

BENNETT—At Pleasant Valley, on Thursday Jan. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bennett, a daughter.

SMITH—At Pleasant Valley on Wednesday, Jan. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smith, a son.

SCARBOROUGH—At Lacombe, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scarborough, a daughter.

MORRISON—At Haynes, on Sunday Feb. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrison, a son.

PROUDFOOT—At Spruceville, on Tuesday Feb. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. John Proudfoot, a daughter.

NOEL—At Lacombe on Thursday, Feb. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Noel, a son.

## Stock Sale!

F. R. Nelles and H. A. Brownlow will sell by Public Auction, at the farm of F. R. Nelles, 2 miles east of Bentley and 10 miles west of Lacombe, at 1 o'clock p.m. on

Wednesday Feb. 19, 1908

About 50 head of Cattle, consisting of choice dairy cows, steers and heifers, etc. The offering will include 5 choice registered Short-horn bulls. Anyone desiring a good bull to head his herd will do well to attend this sale.

COL. A. H. GARRICK, Auctioneer

## WHY PAY RENT?

When you can purchase a house or cottage on such easy terms of payment:

New cottage, 4 rooms, price \$1300, \$300 down, balance to suit purchaser.

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House, 5 rooms, \$1050, \$250 down balance to suit.

7 room house, Livery and Feed Barn, good corral, price with 2 lots \$2750, \$1000 down, balance to suit.

Good Single Driver, age 4, buggy and harness, price \$175, or will sell each separate.

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### Estray Notice.

On premises of J. Baptist Batoch, N. W. 1/2 16-41-20 W 4 M. Buffalo Lake Alberta since July, 1907, brown pony gelding with star on forehead, 10 years old, branded 10 on right jaw, branded 75 on left thigh.

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